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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, MX  
SUBJECT: PATTERSON CASE

1. IN LIGHT OF THE KNOWN FACTS CONCERNING THE REMAINS DISCOVERED YESTERDAY NEAR HERMOSILLO AND POINTING TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY ARE THOSE OF PATTERSON AND THAT HE WAS THE VICTIM OF A CRIME COMMITTED IN MEXICO, THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THE GOM HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO ACCELERATE ITS INVESTIGATION WITH THE END TOWARD FINDING THE PERPETRATORS. THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT CONSIDER THE FINDING OF THE REMAINS AND THEIR IDENTIFICATION AS PATTERSON, IF THIS PROVES TO BE TRUE, THE END OF THE CASE AND WE ASSUME THAT THE GOM TAKES A SIMILAR VIEW.

2. WHEN AND IF THE VICTIM IS IDENTIFIED AS PATTERSON, AND IF THE EMBASSY HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY SEEK AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS TO APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL GOM OFFICIALS OUR KEEN INTEREST IN THEIR VIGOROUSLY PURSUING THE INVESTIGATION IN WHICH WE WILL CONTINUE TO COOPERATE IN EVERY WAY WE CAN. KISSINGER

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